(c) Delegates from 41 countries participated in the conference.

(d) India got an opportunity to project its culture, tourist attractions, folk arts, regional cuisines and textile traditions to PATA members. Interaction with National and International media gave an opportunity to dispel various misconceptions about India being an unsafe destination.

Beautification of sindhu durg

1476. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the historic Sindhu Durg sea fort, a protected monument, situated on an island in Maharashtra is in a dilapidated state;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps are being taken for its rejuvenation under an on-going Central Scheme; and

(d) how much amount is anticipated for its beautification?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As the fort is situated on an island and is surrounded by the Arabian sea, the saline action and impact of sea waves have eroded the foundation of the fort wall at many places, particularly on the western and southern sides.

(c) and (d) A Comprehensive Plan is being prepared and would be shortly executed.

Discovery of religious ADI Granth in British Library

1477. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 17th Century Sikh religious relic, the Adi Granth was discovered in the collections of the British Library recently; and

(b) if so, the action taken to bring back the manuscript to India from London?